

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner noted that the file wrapper of the Patent Office file for the parent case, Serial No. 09/587,573, now U.S. 6,252,128, refers to priority application JP 11-362558 instead of JP 11-362559.

However, Applicants' file indicates that in the parent case, Serial No. 09/587,573, the Declaration, the Request for Priority, as well as, the priority document that were filed clearly state the correct number of one of the priority documents: JP-11-362559. Moreover, the issued patent, U.S. 6,252,128, also has the correct priority application number. Attached herewith are copies of the following documents from the parent case, Serial No. 09/587,573: the date-stamped filing receipt of June 6, 2000, the Declaration as filed, the Request for priority as filed, the first page of the priority document as filed and the first page of the issued parent case U.S. 6,252,128. All documents show the correct number of one of the priority documents: JP-11-362559.

In addition, the correct number of the priority document was mentioned in the Reissue application as evidenced by the Foreign priority claim, the Application Data sheet, and the Reissue Declaration by the Inventor, all of which are attached herewith including the date-stamped filing receipts of November 17, 2003 and March 23, 2004.

Thus, the rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 251 should be withdrawn.

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Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.


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